

But most importantly, he served as a distinguished Member of the other body and was well respected as majority leader, respected by Members and leadership of both parties. And it is my pleasure to speak in support of this and also to call attention to the fact that I believe my colleague, the gentleman from Maine [Mr. BALDACC], a member of the other party, will also be addressing this House in a unique bipartisan support for this great measure in honor of the service of George Mitchell to the citizens of Maine and the United States.

Miss COLLINS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, continuing my reservation of objection, I yield to the gentleman from Maine [Mr. BALDACC] the cosponsor of H.R. 2077.

Mr. BALDACC. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to rise in support of this legislation which will properly recognize one of Maine's, and indeed the Nation's most distinguished public servants.

Senator George Mitchell has dedicated the better part of his adult life to public service. From serving in the Army, to being a Federal judge, to representing the people of Maine in the U.S. Senate. In every position, he was known for being fair, thoughtful and articulate.

George Mitchell has been a mentor to me. We can all learn from the way he conducted himself. I am pleased that we are taking action today to name the post office in his home town of Waterville the George J. Mitchell Federal Building. It is a fitting tribute to a man who is the source of tremendous pride for the people of Waterville, of Maine and of the Nation.

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the motion to name the post office in Waterville, ME in honor of former Majority Leader George Mitchell.

Senator Mitchell's legacy is an outstanding one, marked by his great intellect and strong principles. Future generations will benefit from his distinguished service to our country. It is fitting that the citizens of his hometown have a daily reminder of his greatness.

He has always spoken with pride of Waterville, ME, and now the Congress recognizes that strong tie. By honoring George Mitchell, this Congress honors one of its greatest leaders.

Miss COLLINS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the bill, as follows:

H.R. 2077

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. DESIGNATION OF GEORGE J. MITCHELL POST OFFICE BUILDING.

The United States Post Office building located at 33 College Avenue in Waterville, Maine, shall be known and designated as the "George J. Mitchell Post Office Building".

#### SEC. 2. REFERENCES.

Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the United States Post Office building referred to in section 1 shall be deemed to be a reference to the "George J. Mitchell Post Office Building".

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. MCHUGH. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have five legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the bill, H.R. 2077.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

#### TRIBUTES TO LENNY DONNELLY AND KEITH JEWELL

(Mr. HOYER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise on behalf of myself, the gentleman from Missouri [Mr. GEPHARDT], the majority leader, the gentleman from Michigan [Mr. BONIOR], the minority whip, the gentleman from California [Mr. FAZIO], the Chairman of the Democratic Caucus and the gentlewoman from Connecticut [Mrs. KENNELLY], the vice chair of the Democratic Caucus, and all the leadership and members of the Democratic Caucus to note that today will be the last day of service for one of the beloved individuals of this House.

I ask my colleagues this day to join me in bidding farewell to a woman who has been a fixture on the floor of this House and who has helped over 2,000 young people mature into active participants in the democratic process of this great Nation.

Mr. Speaker, today is the last day on Capitol Hill for Lenore Donnelly who has served as the Chief of Democratic Pages since 1985. She sits right behind me on the floor.

Mr. Speaker, Lenny first came to Washington to work for Senator John F. Kennedy's Presidential campaign in 1959. She later became a member of his White House staff and remained at the White House during the administration of President Johnson at President Johnson's request.

She worked for Senator Robert Kennedy as well. Lenny later became the Deputy Chief of the U.S. Capitol Guide Service and was appointed to Chief of the Democratic Pages by one of our most famous and beloved Speakers, Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill.

All of us who have worked with Lenny know her to be a woman of uncommon grace, uncommon grace under pressure, and uncommon grace in the best of times. She is a person who truly loves this institution and reflects that in her actions and in her words.

She has passed on that commitment to her Nation and to the House of Rep-

resentatives, and, probably more importantly, to the thousands of Pages who have come here and under her guidance have flourished for the past 10 years.

I know that one day, Mr. Speaker, a future Member of this House will serve here who was a page under Lenny Donnelly and, yes, maybe far more than one. The House and indeed the Nation will be a better place because that Member will carry with him the inspiration and the knowledge and the wisdom and the love of this institution imparted to him or to her by Lenny Donnelly.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Michigan [Mr. BONIOR] my friend, the Democratic whip.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for giving me the opportunity to express my best wishes to some very wonderful people.

Mr. Speaker, we have come to the end of a long and exhausting 7-month schedule.

I think all of us are looking forward to going back home and spending some time with our family and friends.

But before we go, I wanted to rise today to pay tribute to the people you don't see in front of the C-SPAN cameras. I want to pay tribute to the men and women who work hard in this House every day.

Over the past 8 months, we've debated a lot of different bills on this floor.

Time and again, we've heard speaker after speaker remind us that government isn't just about programs or policy. It's about people.

Well, the same goes for this House.

In the 20 years I have been privileged to serve in this body, I have had the great pleasure of knowing some of the best, most decent people you'd ever want to meet.

These people who believe in this institution, who care about this House, and who work hard day in and day out to serve the American people.

Many of them spend long hours away from their families. Many of them are forced to order too many late-night pizzas.

And I regret to say—many of them have not gotten the respect they deserve in recent days.

But to the pages and the staff and the clerical workers and carpenters and everybody else who makes this House run—and especially to my staff—I want to say thank you.

The work you're doing is making a difference, for this House and for this Nation. And never let anybody convince you otherwise.

Mr. Speaker, there are hundreds of people I could mention by name—and I wish I had the time to do it here today. But I want to take a moment to mention just two of them, two people who are saying goodbye to this House after many years of dedicated service.

Mr. Speaker, in all my time in this House, I have not met a nicer, kinder, friendlier person than Lenny Donnelly.